



Port Colborne Minor Hockey Association

Overage Player Participation (House league) POLICY #28

PCMHA understands the responsibility it has in providing opportunities for all players to enjoy the game; however, the intent of this policy is not to bolster player numbers in order to have sufficient numbers to form a team or to make a team more competitive. The intent of the policy is to accommodate players in their development and participation in hockey.

PreRequisites for Obtaining Overage Player Status.

- a) An Overage Player applying under the criteria for (b), (c), (d) may only be one (1) year older than the age category in which the player applies for.
- b) A player who has a physical or mental disability, supported by documentation.
- c) A player who has significantly weaker skills than those players within the player's eligible age category
- d) A new player never registered, never played before) whose skill level is significantly inferior to those players within the applicants eligible age category.

Overage Participants other than those applying under (b) must meet criteria (a) as well as either (c) or (d). All Overage Player requests made must have an on-ice evaluation in his/her age category, by the coaches in the age category, and the results made available to the House League Director for final consideration.

If complaints arise about a player's skill level who has been accepted as an overage player based on (c) or (d) during the season a follow up on ice evaluation during a practice or game will be done by an evaluator chosen by the House League Director.

The Director will take the results of the follow up evaluation into consideration before deciding on the players overage status going forward. No applications will be accepted beyond October 1st.

Overage applications will not be considered if the reasons given include: Dislike of coach or team members; assigned ice times; parent's wish.

The following conditions must be adhered to in order to maintain overage participation.

Overage Status may be revoked at any time when it is deemed that the actions of the player are not in the best interests of those affected by his/her actions. If the player's hockey skills

have developed in such a manner where participation as an overage is no longer justified, consideration should be given to have the player placed in their age appropriate division.

Overage players who receive a match penalty or a major suspension will have their Overage Status revoked immediately.

Approved Overage players are not eligible as affiliates to a higher Division or Category.